ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A focus detecting optical includes a condenser lens placed in the proximity of a preset imaging plane equivalent to the imaging plane of a photographic lens, a pair of aperture stops dividing the pupil of the photographic lens placed on the exit side of the condenser lens into two areas, and a pair of re-imaging lenses for forming two secondary object images corresponding to the aperture stops, and satisfies the following conditions:

$$0.45 < | mg | < 0.75$$

 $0.75 < | R1 / R2 | < 1.25$
 $| R3 / R4 | \le 0.02$

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where mg is an imaging magnification of the focus detecting optical system, R1 is the radius of curvature of the entrance surface of the condenser lens, R2 is the radius of curvature of the exit surface of the condenser lens, R3 is the radius of curvature of the entrance surface of each of the re-imaging lenses, and R4 is the radius of curvature of the exit surface of each of the re-imaging lenses.